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Docket No.: ARUMI

In re PATENT Application of:)
JOSE GARCIA ARUMI ET AL) Examiner: Jessica R. Baxter
Appl. No.: 09/935,869) Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: August 23, 2001)
For: MICRO SURGICAL INSTRUMENT))

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
S I R:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, previously filed on .
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
 - iii. ☐ Other
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/reply.
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other

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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103 (c) for a period of _____ months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1747.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other: Fee
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (From PTO-2038 enclosed)
- d. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1747.

Respectfully submitted,

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